

Conference of the BRICS National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs)

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1. Background Information

The Conference of the BRICS National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) will take place under Brazil's chairship in 2025, reflecting the strategic importance of public health cooperation among BRICS nations. Among the various areas of collaboration within BRICS, strengthening public health stands out as one of the most promising.

During past BRICS chairships, several health-related initiatives were launched. To streamline coordination and mutual understanding among them, the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), Brazil's National Public Health Institute, proposes hosting the Conference of the BRICS NPHIs. This initiative builds upon FIOCRUZ's experience in organizing the Conference of the G20 NPHIs during Brazil's G20 chairship in 2024, which yielded significant outcomes for global health.

The Conference of the BRICS NPHIs aims to convene their national institutes to enhance coordination and align their efforts with BRICS health priorities. NPHIs are state institutions rooted in science and technology, providing knowledge, expertise, leadership, and strategic guidance to national health systems on both emergency response and long-term public health challenges.

As recognized global leaders, NPHIs bring experience and practical solutions to advance a healthier and more resilient world. They play a crucial role in supporting national efforts to safeguard and improve public health. Collectively, NPHIs represent a unique global asset, strengthening national public health capacity while reducing shared vulnerabilities on a global scale.

2. Priorities

FIOCRUZ will hold, for the first time within the scope of BRICS, the Conference of National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs), with the following main objectives:

- 2.1. Encourage cooperation among BRICS NPHIs to foster south-south structuring cooperation on health to promote sustainable development;
- 2.2. Discuss the contributions and responsibilities of NPHIs related to the priorities set by the BRICS' Brazilian chairship;
- 2.3. Act as a forum for sharing knowledge of health initiatives currently fragmented across different networks and initiatives within BRICS, in order to promote synergy and cooperation;
- 2.4. Suggest current and mid/long-term outcomes for strengthening public health in BRICS countries;

2.5. Promote public health policies such as those to improve access to essential medicines, including for non-communicable, infectious and parasitic diseases, and to tackle hunger and poverty as relevant social health determinants.



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